



16th Special Operations Wing

Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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Air Force honors top cop

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson
Public Affairs

'Just say no to drugs' is a national campaign that many people have come to know. Unfortunately the fact remains that some people aren't saying no – and that's when the Air Force Office of Special Investigations gets involved.

Anthony Correia, a member of the Air Force OSI Joint Drug Enforcement Team at Hurlburt Field, was awarded the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association Award. The Air Force level award recognizes Mr. Correia for his outstanding accomplishments while working as a member of the Air Force OSI JDET.

Aside from his investigator duties, he's also a policeman with the 16th Security Forces Squadron and a deserving candidate for this award, said Maj. George Hagy, commander, Air Force OSI, detachment 309.

The nomination package submitted on Mr. Correia includes several of his accomplishments, and numerous cases he has covered during his time with OSI.

One of his cases involved a large drug operation where he acted upon an anonymous tip that someone was selling marijuana, acid, and Xanax. During his investigation he discovered the person's husband was also dealing drugs.

The operation took over a month but concluded with the identification of 13 drug-abusing airmen, Major Hagy said.

Another case that Mr. Correia dealt with involved a confidential informant who provided information that people

were involved in the use and distribution of marijuana, ecstasy and acid. The investigation team inserted an undercover agent into the group and was able to make several buys of illegal drugs from three airmen. At the conclusion of the operation, 14 airmen were identified as either selling or using illegal drugs.

Along with his investigation duties, Mr. Correia takes an active role in deterring drug use among Air Force members. He personally developed and frequently presents briefings to young airmen newly assigned to the base, said Major Hagy.

"He tells them of the pitfalls of drug abuse and explains the career ramification if and when they're caught," he said.

Mr. Correia's keys to success are simple but effective, he immediately pursues every single lead and he has an attitude and work ethic that are contagious, added the major.

Mr. Correia, although just doing his job, said, "I have to thank my wife for supporting me, because without her help it would be impossible." His wife and three children support him 100 percent, he said, and he's very grateful.

He's also extremely thankful to Major Kenneth Anderson, 16th SFS commander for allowing him the opportunity to stay and work with the OSI and Major Hagy for teaching him so much about the job.

The top cop will receive an Air Force Recognition Ribbon and will take a week long trip to West Palm Beach as part of his winning the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association Award.

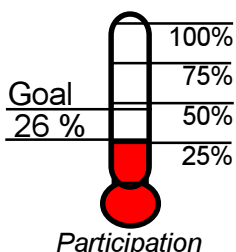


Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Tin soldiers

Senior Airman Jason Williams, 16th Communications Squadron, leads a seven-person firing party at the 2001 Air Commando Association Reunion at the Soundside, Sunday. The Hurlburt Field Honor Guard gave a 21-gun salute, and presented the colors with a four-person colors team. See Page 3 for more on the base honor guard.

CFC progress

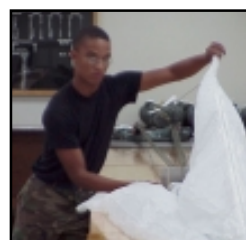


CFC progress

Contact percent is 60, group participation is 26 percent and total funds raised is \$245,616

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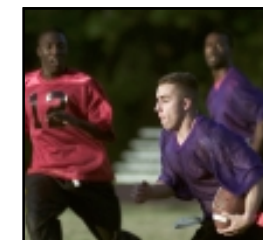


Chute packers

Parachute packers keep airborne airmen aloft

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Flag football

AFC2TIG takes on brawlers from 16th HGS

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Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the COMMANDO.

I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Staff Sgt. Mark Nucci, 16th Security Forces Squadron, provides weapons familiarization to Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

Recycling funds couldn't pay for all life-guard salaries, supplies, or maintenance expenses. We were forced to limit the free swim program to the military population and their families. This was the first year of free swimming for base customers and we need strong support of the Recycling Program to provide free admission for all our customers next year.

In response to your other question, lap swimming was restricted to military only, due to a lack of space. The policy was implemented to support Commando Fitness requirements. We're continuing efforts to build a new swim facility in the future.

Customer Service

Comment: I'd like to give a special thank you to Williams Loveless at the Skills and Development Center. He gave us a special courtesy engraving on his day off. He did it for us on his own time because it was a last minute thing and he went out of his way to help us. I just wanted to tell everyone what a special person he is.

Response: Thank you for your comments regarding our Skills Development Center. We take great pride, not only in our customer service, but also the craftsmanship of all our work. Again, thanks for taking the time to recognize our folks.

Free swimming

Comment: I read recently that the Hurlburt Field Recycling Program has been a huge success. Monies generated from the program have gone toward numerous base functions and more recently to fund free swimming for active duty members. What about the Department of Defense civilian employees on base,

don't they contribute to the Recycling Program also? Why can't free lap swim be open to all base employees?

Response: You're absolutely right that civilians have been supportive of our recycling program and we truly appreciate their efforts.

Unfortunately, the program didn't generate enough funds to support free swimming for the entire base population.

Positive traits lead to success

by Lt. Col. Larry Goodwin
12th Flying Training Wing Plans and Programs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – We possess character traits that clearly define our actions. We work to foster those same positive traits in the people we deal with each day. We want our children to emulate good character traits. We want to be surrounded by people we can trust to make decisions according to sound principles.

Many of these traits are hidden in the oaths people recite upon joining the military. Our leaders knew those defending the nation should possess these traits and formulated the oaths based on them.

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress established different oaths for enlisted people and officers of the Continental Army. The first oath under the Constitution was approved in September 1789 and applied to all commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and privates in the service of the United States.

"I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic..."

The first sentence calls on us to exhibit the traits of trustworthiness and courage. The American people trust us to accept the challenges we are faced with to defend and protect the Constitution and all our country represents.

As military members, we also need the courage and mental and moral strength to press forward into whatever duty we are called.

"... that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same ..."

The second trait we display is responsibility. We exhibit commitment and dedication in that responsibility. We should

be proud to serve as responsible members of the flight, squadron, group, wing, Air Force, Department of Defense and national team.

We all depend on each other to get the job done. The principle of synergy – the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts – applies here. As we work together to perform the mission, we accomplish more than any one individual or organization can accomplish alone.

"... and that I will obey the orders of the president of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice," or "... that I take this obligation freely, with out any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter."

In these two phrases from the enlisted and officer oaths, we subscribe to the traits of respect, candor and unselfishness. We're not in the military for ourselves. We're here to serve. There's always someone to whom we report. It's our duty to ensure the lawful orders we receive are carried out.

We undertake the challenge to exhibit candor, being honest in what we say and how we act. Our profession of arms leaves no room for half-truths. Complete honesty in all we do must be absolute.

These are just a few of the desirable character traits we need to emulate as members of the military. Continuously striving to develop these traits in others and ourselves will ensure continued prosperity, both personally and professionally.

Character counts. It's a vital ingredient in life's recipe for success.



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NEWS

New parking plan linked to force protection

by **Col. Raymond Killgore**
16th Special Operations Wing
vice commander

Heightened force protection measures have been in place here since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon. One measure apparent to anyone who comes on base is the new parking restrictions around buildings.

Parking requirements in higher force protection conditions, better known as FPCONs, are created to provide distance between the buildings and possible terrorist bombs hidden in parked vehicles. As inconvenient as the parking restrictions may be, it's necessary for making Hurlburt Field as safe as possible for military members, civilians and their families.

Building managers here did a great job of responding immediately to requirements for standoff distances by placing orange cones and tape across parking spaces deemed too close to our facilities. However, cones and tape were just the first step in the process.

Given then events both at home and

overseas, Hurlburt Field will likely be in a heightened force protection condition for a long time.

So Col. Lyle Koenig [16th SOW commander] and I, working closely with our wing force protection office, have approved a long-range parking plan.

With the FPCON we've been in for the past month, many drivers are parking their vehicles in the grass, or in non-parking spots, while some parking spaces further away aren't being used. A large part of the long-range plan incorporates *permanent* changes to parking and traffic flow on base, in order to minimize the threat to base facilities.

To avoid confusion about where parking is allowed and to ensure the right level of security during different FPCONs, standoff distances around several buildings will become permanent by the placement of barriers in some parking areas. Once the barriers are in place, all remaining parking will be for normal use – even in higher FPCONs. As this happens, greater enforcement of authorized parking will take place. What this means is no more parking on the grassy areas closer to some work centers and less convenience

for those who must walk a greater distance.

This approach may take some getting used to, but in the long run the impact on most areas will be minimal. Some people may find they have to park in a different lot, a little further from their building than before, but soon they'll find that the security advantages are well worth a minute or two of extra walking time.

Implementing the long-term plan will be done in steps. The first step was the immediate placing of cones and tape around buildings in order to create standoff distances. The next step incorporates placing barriers in specific lots to redirect parking to other available areas. Long-term steps include the aesthetic upgrade of the permanent barriers and considering standoff distances in future construction projects so parking lots will be built with maximum security in mind.

So far, we've done an outstanding job of responding to changes resulting from our higher FPCON posture. Our perspective of parking and traffic flow has changed forever. Through some simple changes, the base will be safer for everyone in the long term.

Spotlight on ...



Christina Kuch

Name: Christina Kuch

Rank/Duty Title: Airman/Operations resource management apprentice

Organization: 15th Special Operations Squadron

Hometown: Tampa, Fla.

Hobbies: Painting and photography

Contribution to the mission: Airman Kuch is a flight management apprentice that inputs and audits all flying and ground training events for the entire 15th SOS, which includes 100 assigned and 30 attached combat-ready aircrew personnel.

She conducts daily flight order creation and audit to ensure all aircrews meet a highly complex gamut of qualifications to fly, or fly with appropriate instructor supervision, to maintain flight currencies.

Airman Kuch displays absolutely stunning performance, maturity and initiative, the equal of many NCOs. She is a vital link of successful mission accomplishment in one of the busiest and most complex flight management sections in the Air Force.

(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, but who may not receive much recognition day-to-day. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

Honor guard gains six new members

by **Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor**
Public Affairs

Six Hurlburt Field airmen graduated the base honor guard's training course in a ceremony held at the Airman Leadership School auditorium Oct. 4.

As honor guard members, graduates Airman 1st Class Michael Abesada and Rafeal Escoto, 16th Supply Squadron, Airman 1st Class Ryan Reece, 16th Component Repair Squadron, Airman Kevin Robertson, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron, Airman 1st Class Richard Veras, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron and Staff Sgt. Stacie Zimmer, 4th Special Operations Squadron, will go on to represent the Air Force at funerals, changes of command and other ceremonies.

The graduation ceremony formally recognized these six of the average 20 to 25 people graduated yearly, with the vice wing commander presenting the new members with a certificate and honor guard badge, certifying them as a ceremonial guardsman.

Becoming a member of the base honor guard is an excellent opportunity to enhance one's career, said Staff Sgt. Vincent Jackson, Hurlburt Field Honor Guard NCOIC. During their one-year commit-

ment, honor guard members enjoy several benefits, such as working with people all over base they normally might never meet. And being in the honor guard also helps with senior airman below-the-zone and other packages.

"It's an excellent opportunity for you to go above and beyond," said Sergeant Jackson. "The honor guard can only enhance your career, and helps you learn to be in a leadership role outside your squadron."

In addition, honor guard members are issued close to \$600 worth of uniform items including a set of BDUs, Corcoran jump boots, patent leather shoes, honor guard shirts, hat and a full ceremonial uniform, and members who live in the dorms get Basic Allowance for Subsistence.

While these benefits are a nice bonus, they're hard-earned, said Sergeant Jackson. Honor guard members work an average of three to four ceremonies a month,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Diane Thomas

Airman 1st Class Michael Abesada, 16th Supply Squadron, Airman Kevin Robertson, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron and Airman 1st Class Richard Vera, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron, present the colors at their honor guard graduation Oct. 4.

and are obligated a 210-mile radius in which to cover events.

"[To be in the honor guard] it takes a person who's willing to sacrifice a little bit more," he said. "It takes a person who has initiative and drive, and will work weekends and holidays to do what we do."

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AIR FORCE NEWS

Food airdrop underscores president's humanitarian pledge

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

Two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft flew a daring 22-hour mission to airdrop some 35,000 humanitarian daily rations into Afghanistan early Monday.

The airdrop came hours after U.S. and allied aircraft bombed terrorist targets inside the country.

The aircrews flew the 6,500-mile round trip sortie, which originated from Ramstein. They dropped their cargo into the eastern and northern parts of the country. It was the first U.S. military airdrop of humanitarian aid into the embattled nation, and the first time the Air Force used this kind of airdrop operationally.

The aircraft flew under combat conditions at a higher altitude. That made for a "very dangerous mission," Col. Bob Allardice, the overall mission commander, said at a press conference at the base after the aircraft returned safely.

"This unprecedented mission to deliver aid to the Afghan people was both very difficult and challenging," Colonel Allardice told some 50 international media representatives. "This airdrop mission was the first installment of President Bush's \$320 million aid package for the people of Afghanistan."

The C-17s parked in front of the press conference area, and the jubilant crews congratulated each other as they exited the aircraft.

Though not identified for security reasons, the airborne mission commander did speak to the assembled media about the rigors involved with the mission.

"This mission required intensive planning, preparation and coordination," he said. "The success of a demanding and dangerous mission like this is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our crews and the people who support them." (AFPN)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Holzapfe

A C-17 Globemaster III lands at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, after airdropping humanitarian daily rations in eastern Afghanistan Monday.

Letters pour into Pentagon

WASHINGTON – After the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, people from around the country picked up paper and pens to show their support to the military.

Letters offering prayers, hope, praise, thanks and encouragement were delivered to the Pentagon within days after the incidents. While all are different, each has a common theme: pride in America.

An excerpt from one poem written by a student begins, "What will we do, they have all our fears. Will they take us as hostage and laugh at our tears? I say they won't for I know as a fact, America is strong and it's still intact."

Another high school student wrote, "I will be thinking and praying for you. I will never forget this day for the rest of my life."

One girl, expressing wisdom beyond her years, wrote, "I can't imagine what you are going through, but I wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. You are not alone. Through everything, this has not made us weaker, only stronger as a nation. We will get through it."

"I'm grateful that you feel for people as though you are an angel," another student said.

Others sent in poems, handmade cards and posters. As people walk by the pictures hanging on many of the Pentagon's walls, they walk just a little taller, proud to serve their country, knowing America's citizens support them. Maj. Tony Gatlin, Air Force military personnel division chief at the Pentagon, is one person grateful for the cheer.

"It was gloomy around here for days," he said. Then, after receiving a package from students from his hometown in Arkansas, he hung them up to share with all that pass by.

"The response has been very positive," he said. "The (package) really gave me a

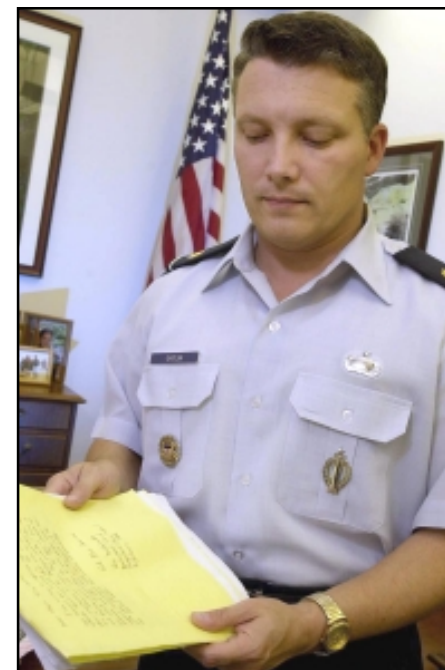


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Maj. Tony Gatlin, Air Force military personnel division chief at the Pentagon, looks over some of the letters and drawings sent to him by dozens of school children from his hometown in Arkansas.

sense of connection with the folks back home. It made me realize that sometimes we get caught up in the day-to-day operations here and we lose sight and sometimes forget how important what we're doing is.

"When I read the letters I feel a sense of pride," Major Gatlin said. "One person even stood in front of the letters, reading them with tears in her eyes."

In another letter, a mother wishing to show her support writes, "My son is in the Army and my son-in-law in the Air Force. Those who serve our nation have my gratitude. May God richly bless you and hold you safe in the hollow of his hand." (AFPN)

Look who's talking: Who was your childhood hero?



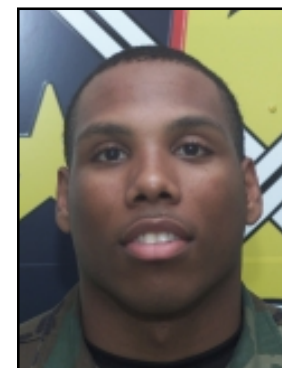
"My mother, as she had to raise me and my sister as a single mother in a time that didn't readily accept such circumstances. Her devotion and tireless effort were, and still are, never ending."

Tech. Sgt. Mike Dollar
39th Information Operations Squadron



"My uncle. After the death of my father, he taught me what it was to be a good child, and shaped my values as a man."

Capt. Stephen Murray
Air Force Special Operations School



"My father – he showed me how to be a man."

Senior Airman Erren Sennet
720th Special Tactics Squadron

Campaign emphasizes youth drug awareness

by Staff Sgt.
William J. Seabrook Jr.
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field, in conjunction with the local and national community, participates in the annual National Red Ribbon Campaign, October 22 to 26.

The campaign is a national drug awareness program that targets school-age children by promoting healthy drug-free lifestyles.

Drug traffickers killed Enrique Camarena, a drug enforcement agent, in Mexico 15 years ago. In response to his death, angered parents across the country began wearing red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to provide a drug-free future for our nation's youth.

Jim Sanders, 16th Medical Group Drug Demand Reduction program manager, Melanie Pufpaff, Youth Center program director and Sabrina Honda, base librarian are coordinating, organizing and promoting the campaign for Hurlburt Field.

"The theme of this year's local campaign is, 'I have better things to do than drugs,'" said Mr. Sanders. "We have 101 critical days of summer to promote safety awareness. With drugs we need to promote awareness 365 days a year. To help do this we'll be conducting a poster contest at the Youth Center for K through 3rd grades, and an essay contest for 4th, 5th and 6th grades at the base library."

Entry deadline for completed posters and essays is Oct. 19. Parents are urged to stop by each facility and pick up a flyer for additional contest rules and age brackets.

All contestants receive certificates and first and second place winners have their choice of a K2 or Razor scooter, and their names engraved on a plaque in each facility. Third place winners receive a Marlin Money gift certificate

sponsored by the 16th Services Squadron marketing office.

Prizes will be presented Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center Fall Festival.

There will also be door prizes for the youths consisting of many anti-drug promotional items.

"The drug demand office has several drug awareness video films parents may check out at the youth center front desk during the month of October," said Mr.

Sanders. "I urge open discussion between parents and their children after watching these films."

In addition, the Okaloosa and Santa Rosa County schools will conduct various drug awareness programs during the month of October. There'll be a static display consisting of educational materials at the Main Base Exchange

lobby, Oct. 22 to 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Base Commissary and the Main BX will have red ribbons available for customers to wear and display on their civilian attire and Hurlburt Lanes will sponsor specials to salute Red Ribbon week.

"My hope is by doing all this, the bar for drug awareness is raised and our community becomes more involved with teaching our children strong values, with a commitment against drugs," said Mr. Sanders.

"It's not enough to just tell the youth to 'just say no,'" said Ms. Pufpaff. "Children today are smarter, but need encouragement in the right direction. Even though putting the campaign together is a lot of hard work, it's worth it."

"If they reach only one child, then their work wasn't in vain," said Mr. Sanders. "We need to make sure our children know drugs aren't bad because they're illegal – they're illegal because they're bad."



Contributions rising as CFC enters final weeks

by **2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss**
Public Affairs

Four weeks into the six-week Combined Federal Campaign, Hurlburt Field has 25 percent participation – 15 percent away from the goal of 40 percent participation, set by Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

“We’re pleased with the progress of the campaign,” said 1st Lt. Jennifer Ortiz, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, the base project officer. “The key workers and squadron representatives have really been out making this happen, and people are showing how much they care by giving generously.”

The base has collected more than \$245,000. More than \$100,000 was collected in the third week alone. That’s the first time Hurlburt Field has ever contributed more than \$100,000 in one week.

One shop in the logistics group was so generous, every person went Top Eagle, according to Tech. Sgt. James Vaughan, the shop’s NCO in charge and the squadron representative. The 16th Component Repair Squadron’s hydraulics shop, com-

prised of 12 people, has gone 100 percent Top Eagle – the top giving level that equals three hours of pay per month – for the second year in a row, he said.

In addition to being the NCOIC of the Top Eagle shop, Sergeant Vaughan is also one of the biggest money raisers on base.

“I raised a lot of money for the CFC, but it was the people who gave who really deserve the credit,” he said downplaying his own importance in the successful campaign.

When asked why he’s so effective at raising money, he said, “I think because I’m persistent and because I convey that we have it good. We take things for granted. If we convey that, people will give.”

Sergeant Vaughan said he also reminds people that no matter how much money they make, they can afford the donation. For people who make monthly pledges, the money doesn’t start coming out of their pay until January, he said.

“We get a pay raise every January, so I tell them to donate their raise to somebody who needs it,” the sergeant said.

If saying that doesn’t work, he’s pre-

The logo for the Central Flight Center (CFC) is located in the top left corner. It consists of a blue square with rounded corners. Inside the square, on the left, is a white silhouette of an eagle's head facing right. Above the eagle's head are three white stars of increasing size. To the right of the eagle's head, the letters "CFC" are written in white. A stylized American flag, with red and white stripes, flows from behind the eagle's head towards the right side of the square.

Base Totals

Contributions:

16th Operations Group	\$31,032	21%
16th Logistics Group	\$72,730	24%
16th Support Group	\$38,587	23%
16th Medical Group	\$4,243	9%
Air Force Special Operations Command	\$59,361	37%
Command and Control Training and Innovation Group	\$14,883	39%
823rd RED HORSE Squadron	\$17,765	50%
Tenant units	\$7,015	9%

Participation:

\$31,032	21%
\$72,730	24%
\$38,587	23%
\$4,243	9%
\$59,361	37%
\$14,883	39%
\$17,765	50%
\$7,015	9%

Courtesy graphic

pared to work harder to get people to see the benefit.

“Before you say ‘no’ to donating, let me take you down to some of the places that may benefit,” he tells people who

aren’t sure if they want to donate.

CFC is a program created to give federal employees an opportunity to donate to organizations that help improve life for people in need.

OPSEC essential to AFSOC mission success

by Tech. Sgt.
Ginger Schreitmueller
AFSOC Public Affairs

In the Miranda Rights, suspects are reminded that what they say can be used against them in a court of law.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, people in the Air Force Special Operations Command community are being reminded what they say can be used against us as a team.

"We're all vital players in our mission success," said Capt. James Giehl, the AFSOC Operations Security officer. "What you think is an innocent comment made to the person next to you in the grocery store can very well be the key to the puzzle for our adversaries."

According to the captain, Operations Security is an essential part of any military organization and even more so in AFSOC.

"The success of any military operation depends on an element of surprise. In AFSOC, we've long waved the banner of 'Quiet Professionals.' Our missions rely on three essential elements – speed, surprise and security. Now isn't the time to break that silence," he said.

Operations Security is an awareness campaign to remind people to protect operations – either those being planned, those in progress or those completed. Keeping an adversary from knowing what you can do, where you're going, who's going, or what the mission is limits the risk for those involved, he said.

It's commonly known that passing on classified information is a criminal offense, said the captain, but sharing critical information can be deadly. Critical information is that which deals with specific facts about our intentions, capabilities, operations or activities. Within the AFSOC community, some examples of critical information include:

- Detailed information about the mission of a unit

- Details about deployment locations

- Personal transactions that happen in large numbers (i.e., deployment processing)

- References to trends in morale or personnel problems

- Activation or alert of units

- Details about security procedures

When you share little bits of information with friends, neighbors or even strangers, you are potentially passing on the one element of information the adversary needs, added the captain.

"OPSEC doesn't just apply to military members," he said. "We need everyone in AFSOC – our civilian force, our Guard and Reserve counterparts, and our family members to support good OPSEC practices."

In today's high-tech world, the information superhighway has become an increasingly vulnerable key to an adversary. Sharing information via chat room discussions, passing an e-mail to a friend or posting information to Web sites has created an expanding danger zone for OPSEC violations.

"The network control center monitors incoming and outgoing user activity to identify possible threats. If they discover possible evidence of criminal activity, it's reported to the appropriate authorities," said Major Pearce.

Among the type of uses the NCC looks for is people accessing non-Department of Defense or non-government chat lines, chat groups or open forum discussions. The center also monitors Web site access.

From an OPSEC perspective one of the most dangerous Internet venues are Web sites set up by individuals and agencies aimed specifically at military audiences. These sites, which aren't officially sanctioned, are often developed and maintained by military professionals or retirees.

Additionally, several new Web sites have sprung up since the Sept. 11th tragedy under the auspices of recognizing heroes or military members. These sites ask for a variety of personal information, including name and address. People should be wary of responding, as it's unknown who may ultimately end up with the information.

"The bottom line is simple," said Captain Giehl. "Whatever you say, whatever you repeat or whatever you share with one person – either in writing, in person or on the Internet – you've effectively shared it with the world."





Courtesy photo

A Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile streaks into the sky.

‘Ace in the hole’ a factor to be reckoned with

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, Mont. — In 1962, the intercontinental ballistic missile was this nation’s “ace in the hole” during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Now, almost 40 years after President Kennedy successfully used the threat of ICBMs as leverage against the Soviet Union, the Minuteman III is still the United States’ “ultimate space system,” said Gen. Ed Eberhart, the man in charge of all Air Force ICBMs.

General Eberhart is commander-in-chief of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command; commander of Air Force Space Command; and the Department of Defense manager for manned space flight support operations at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

“The ICBM is the ultimate space system in terms of deterrence,” General Eberhart said while discussing why Minuteman III missiles remain critical to global stability.

“It’s a capability that warns other nations that there are certain things they can do and certain things they can’t do, he said. “If they truly put our nation at risk, we have the capability to destroy them.”

Since February 2000, General Eberhart has been in charge of a command that includes units at

three bases with ICBMs on alert since the Kennedy administration: Malmstrom; Minot AFB, N.D. and F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Currently there are 500 Minuteman IIIs. While the Minuteman III was designed to deter an enemy nation-state, General Eberhart said the United States should not infer from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that ICBMs aren’t important.

“It’s not the right weapon to use to counter terrorist activity,” he said. “But it remains a very relevant and capable tool to ensure no nation decides to attack our nation.”

A forward air controller during Vietnam, General Eberhart logged more than 300 combat missions in 1970. He knows the wartime value of safe, reliable battlefield tools. That’s why he said modernizing the Minuteman III is absolutely essential.

“The on-going modernization will keep the Minuteman III viable until approximately 2020,” the general said.

The extensive life extension program replaces aging guidance and stand-by power systems, rebuilds solid-propellant rocket motors, repairs launch facilities and installs the latest communication equipment and command and control consoles for combat missile crews.

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Airman Abesada was on the drill team when he was in the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and enjoys taking his experience to the next level.

“[I joined because] I wanted to do something more for our country,” he said.

Just as psyched is Airman

Veras, who looks forward to representing Hurlburt Field and the Air Force.

“When we go to a funeral or ceremony, people look at the four guys doing the color change, representing the entire Air Force,” he said.

“And when they see us sharp and they see us crisp, they’re going to think, ‘U.S. Air Force, that’s number one.’”



Air Force activates Stop-Loss center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Officials here set up a control center that can explain Stop-Loss, which applies to the nearly 11,000 people previously approved to retire or separate from active duty between Oct. 2 and April 30.

Experts at the Stop-Loss Control Center are answering questions about retirements and separations for flights, commanders and individuals who have specific Stop-Loss questions.

Stop-Loss, which became effective Oct. 2, gives military service secretaries authority to keep on active-duty people who'd normally be planning to retire or leave the service.

There are 926 officers and 4,593 enlisted people with approved retirement dates that are now held by Stop-Loss action; and 1,256 officers and 4,741 enlisted who have approved separation dates through the end of April.

Those numbers may include some who're exempt from Stop-Loss as previously announced.

"So far, the attitude of the callers is impressive – we're not hearing from a lot of angry people," said Master Sgt. Mike Potter, Air Force Personnel Center superintendent of retirements. "People are concerned, but not angry."

AFPC's separations branch primary role is to assist and advise major command staffs and military personnel flights in the execution of the Stop-Loss program, said Lt. Col. Rich Binger, AFPC separations branch chief.

"But we're also here to help those affected by Stop Loss," he said.

"We'll work hand-in-hand with the MPFs retirement and separation sections to help people get the answers they need."

MPFs will continue processing retirements and separations actions and are the first place to turn with questions about Stop-Loss, Colonel Binger said.

At first, people in every Air Force specialty code are prevented from leaving active duty in this Stop-Loss action, Colonel Binger said.

During the first 30 days, major command, personnel officials

and career field managers are matching warfighting needs with the possibility that some career field Stop-Loss restrictions could be lifted.

"But, obviously, operational needs will be the first priority," the colonel added.

Waiver applications are also being accepted and will be evaluated individually by MAJCOM commanders, according to officials.

Some of those already far enough along in the process of leaving the Air Force are being allowed to outprocess.

"We learned a lot from our Kosovo Stop Loss effort," said Lt. Col. Michael Maloney, AFPC retirements and separations division chief. "We've tried, this time, to address a lot of the issues that came up last time right up front."

Although all new departures from the Air Force are on hold, there are exemptions for people serving an overseas unaccompanied assignment where the tour length is 15 months or less, and who'll retire or separate upon tour completion.

Other categories of people exempt are those undergoing involuntary discharge, or mandatory separation or retirement because of disabilities or hardships, officials said.

So far, Stop-Loss will not affect promotions, permanent change-of-station moves or training class schedules, officials said.

"Every effort will be made to ensure that once Stop-Loss ends, everyone has the flexibility in making the transition to civilian life," Colonel Maloney said.

This is the first time since the air war over Kosovo that this emergency authority has been implemented.

Based on the numerous calls received thus far, the control center staff has put together a frequently asked questions Web page on the AFPC Web site at afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Military personnel flights or commander's support staffs, as well as interested individuals, can reach the control center at (210) 565-2374 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., central standard time. (AFPN)

Recruiting service beats annual goal

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – After its most successful year in almost two decades, Air Force Recruiting Service stepped up its efforts to recruit engineers, doctors, dentists, nurses and other medical specialties to fill critical positions in fiscal 2002.

AFRS achieved 102 percent of its fiscal 2001 enlisted recruiting goal by bringing 35,381 airmen into the Air Force.

The goal was 34,600. In terms of quality, more than 99 percent of those enlisting are high school graduates, and many have college credit.

"We had a phenomenal year for enlisted recruiting," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, AFRS commander. "Our recruiters exceeded all expectations, including bringing 1,155 prior service and sister service members back onto active duty."

"However, a strong economy and competitive marketplace for engineers and health professionals continues to be our most formidable challenge," he said.

"We have intensified our efforts on officer accessions, and our recruiters are in full afterburner to meet the Air

Force's increasing needs and demands."

General Deal also said, enlisted accessions recruiters have already started well against the new fiscal year with 45 percent of the contracts already signed to reach their 2002 goal of 36,000.

"Even though we start in a great position for success again in 2002, it's very important that people know we're hiring," he said. "We're working very hard to not only fill those 36,000 enlisted jobs with qualified young men and women, but to also fill critical officer positions, including doctors, dentists, nurses and engineers."

Recent events have energized an already invigorated recruiting force. Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, interest in the military, particularly calls to the (800) 423-8723 opportunities center and visits to the recruiting Web site, AirForce.com, soared.

However, recruiting officials said they caution that this surge in interest in the military isn't likely to result in a wave of new recruits, and that accurate indicators of such an increase could be months away. (AFPN)

Who's new in pink and blue

Girls

Madison Lynn, born Sept. 12, to Staff Sgt. Michael and Laurel Jordan, 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 7

Briauna Dezirae, born Sept. 12, to Brian Ruger and Erica Gwaltney

Boys

Landon Scott, born Sept. 6, to Staff Sgt. Jason Jordan, 16th Logistics Group and Staff Sgt. Keri Jordan, Air Force Special Operations Command

Colt Quentin, born Sept. 8, to Airman 1st Class Steven Gray and Jennifer Voight-Gray, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron

Townsend Carl, born Sept. 16, to Capt. Trent and Wendy

Tripple, 16th Contracting Squadron

Guy Barrett, born Sept. 17, to Capt. Dana and Lynne Allen, 18th Flight Test Squadron

Angelo Eugene, born Sept. 18, to Airman 1st Class Scott and Anna Carney, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Beckett Reed, born Sept. 19, to Tech. Sgt. Jesse and Michelle Collins, 16th Logistics Support Squadron





Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry DeFord

New tower, new enlistment

Here to assist in the installation of communication equipment in the new air traffic control tower, Tech. Sgt. Randy Wert, right, takes the opportunity to re-enlist at the top of the tower, Tuesday. Sergeant Wert, 738th Engineering Installation Squadron is here on a temporary duty assignment from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He was sworn in by 2nd Lt. Scott Jensen.

FEATURE



Photos by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson

Airmen 1st Class Chris Malloy, front; Jason Eckenrode, middle; and William Weber, are all survival equipment specialists with 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. The three airmen are inspecting and preparing to pack parachutes for the C-130's. It takes 15 to 30 minutes to pack one parachute, and the unit packs anywhere from 100-180 chutes per week.

Survival equipment unit gives new meaning to ... **'I got your back!'**



Packing the parachute doesn't take very long, but airmen take extra precautions to make sure everything's in place.



Airman 1st Class James Hawkins, 16th EMS, sews port hole covers for the gunships. The shop members sew other items for the aircraft like gun shrouds and insulation.

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Talk about taking your job seriously. The airmen who work in the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's, survival equipment unit do just that.

Not only is this shop responsible for maintaining and packing the 20, 12, seven and one man life rafts, but they also pack several different types of parachutes for the various flying squadrons. Although the members of the survival equipment unit all have a laid-back demeanor, their focus is definitely on the task at hand. Tech. Sgt. Stephen Mrvica, NCO in charge, said they support at least 10 units – packing chutes, exposure suits, life rafts or sewing port hole covers for gunships.

The job is so important he said, each parachute is packed by one person and the reserve chute is packed by someone different. "Everything gets a second set of eyes."

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Turn-in service

The 16th Supply Squadron has limited turn-in service to equipment and non-expendable items only. Service of unserviceable expendable items such as furniture, scrap metal and appliances are suspended until further notice. Customers can either make their own appointment with the Defense Reutilization Management Office at Eglin Air Force Base or hold on to the property until supply resumes normal service. For questions or more information, call Staff Sgt. Christopher Turner at 884-7440.

Travel voucher

Effective Oct. 31, travel voucher claims for all military members require a supervisor's signature before the member is reimbursed. This requirement is mandatory for all temporary duty and permanent change of station settlements for military. Travel vouchers submitted after Oct. 31 without proper signatures will be sent back to the member and will cause a delay in reimbursement. The 16th Comptroller Squadron will provide each unit's orderly room with a checklist for supervisors and approving officials. For more information or questions, call the travel section at 884-4061.

Stop Loss

The Veteran's Administration is taking VA claims for the Stop Loss and Veteran's Pre-Separation Examination Program based on a person's original discharge date. New discharge dates will be reviewed on a case by case basis. For questions, call the Transition Assistance Program office at 884-6281.

Executive leaders

The Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program begins September 2002. The program is designed specifically for highly motivated people who've demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, commitment to public service, integrity, and have an interest in moving into senior management positions. To be eligible for the program, an officer must be in the rank of major, completed Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College, either in residence, correspondence or seminar. The intent of ELDP is to provide a new approach to the training of civilian employees, which in part parallel certain aspects of selected military training. Military participants in the course remain in their current position during the program, with the exception of 50 to 55 days throughout the year. Anyone interested can apply through the Air Force Personnel Center/DPAPE by Feb. 25, 2002. For more information, call the military personnel flight, customer service office at 884-5251.

Community

Self help hours

The Self-Help Store closes Saturday and will remain

on the regular schedule of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For customer convenience extended hours of operation will be until 4:30 p.m. each Friday throughout October. For more information, call 884-7130.

AFSA

The Hurlburt Field Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association holds a monthly meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. The chapter invites active duty enlisted and officers, retirees and dependents to attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844 or visit the Web site: afsa567.org.

Asthma fair

Eglin Air Force Base's Pediatric Clinic sponsors an annual Asthma Fair Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eglin AFB Youth Center. Hospital members will be available to answer questions and provide the latest asthma information related to childhood asthma. A "Why I Will Never Do Drugs" essay contest will be held and essays should be received by 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Eglin AFB Pediatric Clinic. For more information, call 883-8577.

Mediation

The Equal Employment Opportunity office has a staff of certified mediators who're available to facilitate resolution of workplace disputes, before they escalate into discrimination complaints. Each mediator is a neutral party and doesn't represent or serve as an advocate for management of the employee. For more information, call 882-4273.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help man the information desk along with other positions at medical clinics. For more information, call the ARC office at 884-6107 or 6246.

Readiness tips

The Family Support Center has the following services available for spouses separated longer than 30 days: Heart's apart morale calls, video phone, e-mail, give parents a break, car care because we care. For more information, call FSC at 884-5441.

Hispanic heritage month

The Hispanic heritage committee hosts the annual Gala Banquet Saturday at The Soundside Club. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and the dress is formal attire. For tickets, call Chief Master Sgt. Carlos Felix at 884-4671, Master Sgt. Moses Perez at 884-4671, Master Sgt. William Vargas at 881-9300, Tech. Sgt. Marcus Reedem at 884-6090, Staff Sgt. Claudia Castillo at 884-4123 or Senior Airman Anita Gilbert at 884-8332.

Reporting information

The Federal Bureau of Investigations has established a toll-free number for anyone with information regarding the incidents Sept. 11 in New York City and Washington D.C. If you wish to report information to the FBI call (866) 483-5137 or to report information to local authorities, call the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 884-6102.

Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)

Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise & worship),

11:15 a.m. (traditional),
12:30 p.m. (contemporary)
Youth and Single People's Group (available)

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1
Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) "Summer Catch," starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Jessica Biel – Tenley, a wealthy girl on summer vacation with her parents on Cape Cod, falls for a local boy from a working class family. Ryan, is a pitcher for Boston College and dreams of becoming a big-time baseball star.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Bubble Boy," starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Marley Shelton – A young man who has lived his whole life in a bubble decides to venture out into the world when he finds out that his childhood sweetheart is engaged to another man. He builds a portable bubble and sets forth to get to her before her wedding at Niagara Falls.

Friday and Sunday – (R) "Captain Corelli's Mandolin," starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz – In 1941 during World War II and the Italian occupation of Greece, a love begins uneasily between Italian Capt. Corelli and Greek villager Pelagia. The violent realities of warfare threaten the tender connection that has grown between Antonio and Pelagia.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Rat Race," starring Whoopi Goldberg and John Cleese – In Las Vegas, six people participate in a human rat race. Two million dollars is in a duffel bag in a locker in Silver City, New Mexico 700 miles away. The first one there keeps it all. What they don't know is that their every move is being tracked by gambling-crazed high rollers who're betting on the outcome.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

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Eglin beach club

The Eglin Community Beach Center now serves all-you-can-eat breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for \$5.50.

Classes

Terrorism class

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School offers Dynamics of International Terrorism Oct. 22 through 26.

The course provides selected military members and Department of Defense civilians who've had no previous formal training in counter/antiterrorism with a basic awareness and threat posed by terrorist groups on an international and regional basis. For more information, call Maj. Richard Reddecliff at 884-1856.

USAF Special Ops school

For more information on Special Operations School Courses for September, call 884-4731 or visit the Web site at hurlburt.af.mil/usafsos.

Joint Special Operations Staff Officer Course – Monday to Oct. 19

Sub-Saharan Orientation Course – Monday to Oct. 19

Latin American Orientation Course – Oct. 22 to 26

Special Operations Liaison Element – Oct. 22 to 26

Cross Cultural Communications – Oct. 29 to Nov. 2

Joint Civil – Military Operations Course, Level II – Oct. 29 to Nov. 2

Joint Special Operations Planning Workshop – Oct. 29 to Nov. 9

University of Arkansas

The University of Arkansas at Hurlburt Field offers a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. Registration for term two is available until Oct. 26. For more information, call Madeline Guarino at 884-3844

Sports

Flag football

October begins men and women's flag football season. Interested members should contact their unit sports representative or the main fitness center for more information at 884-6884.

SPORTS



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Vic Owens

Wide receiver Isaac Young, 16th HGS, makes a catch while Agbomierele Giwa, 505th Systems Squadron defends.



Dedric Barnum, Command and Control Warrior School, and team quarterback tries to avoid having his flag pulled as George Mouton, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron pursues closely.

Flag football starts with... Maintenance team generating heat

First game of the flag football season kicked off Oct. 2 with the 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron taking on Air Force Command and Control Training Innovation Group. 16th HGS won the game 15 to 12.



(above) Cornerback, Willie Fantroy, 16th HGS, attempts to grab the flag of wide receiver Shawn Granger, AFC2TIG, as he makes an attempt for a touchdown.

(right) Jaon Gay, AFC2TIG, tries to avoid a tackle by a 16th HGS defender as he runs down field.



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